

WINTER WHEAT.

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CROP REPORT.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The Times reports from all parts of the western winter wheat region, shows an immense amount of damage done to the crops by the severity of the winter, but there is not the slightest danger of a general failure of the harvest on that account. A considerable majority of the district crop is backward or in an unfavorable condition, but reports don't intimate a total failure anywhere, and in the fact that good prices and handsome harvests for two or three years past, encouraged planting largely, and the increase of acreage in most locations there seems to be a fair offset for injury suffered. In a great many sections the heavy snows of the winter have furnished invaluable protection against the intense cold and late spring continuance, this defense through the critical period of alternate freezing and thawing of March on the whole situation more encouraging than is generally believed, and, unless disastrous late frosts or other unfavorable conditions materially impair the present prospect, the yield taking country at large will likely not be much less than last year. Illinois and Indiana seem to have suffered more than any other states. The fruit crop will be a total failure in many parts of Illinois.

TRIPLE MURDER.

TWO WOMEN AND A CHILD KILLED.
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 16.—The most horrible triple murder was committed about eight miles from this city, Thursday last. The murdered people were Mrs. John Simmons, whose throat was cut from ear to ear; her little boy four years old, whose brains were dashed out on a rock, and Mrs. Emily Pender, mother of Mrs. Simmons, who seemed to have been strangled. It was first thought that John Simmons, husband and father who has a bad reputation in the place, which he lived, was the murderer, but a sheep herdsman named Phillips was arrested last night on suspicion. A pair of suspenders known to be Phillips were found tied around his neck, and the case was found near by with blood on it. The facts and circumstances seem to show that Mrs. Simmons, and perhaps her mother was outraged and then killed.

FAMILY MURDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The Chicago Dispatch last night says that Henry Swearingen, a resident of Dayton, seven miles from Dayton, Ohio, was shot by Mrs. David Boucher, killing her instantly. He next shot his wife, then seized her, and placing the pistol to her breast fired again with fatal effect, he then sent a bullet through his own brain, there had been some family trouble between the parties, but a general understanding had been reached and Swearingen was to have left for Missouri in the morning. Mrs. Boucher was the widow of the late state senator for Butte county.

GREECE.

PARIS, April 16.—The powers are displeased with the tone of the Greek press to their note and, while accepting its substance, have asked explanations regarding its form. Premier Comandouris said that, in view of the excited state of public mind and dangers to the throne might occur, he could not give the form of the note as he would simply abide by the note as sent, until the chamber of deputies met and voted on the question.

The powers, notwithstanding this, have decided to consider the Greek acceptance as an accomplished fact, and the Greek negotiations at Constantinople for the transfer of the ceded territory.

NEW NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.

DALLAS, Tex., April 16.—A joint stock company has been organized here for the publication of a Republican daily paper, the Dallas Gazette. Subscription books were opened last Saturday. The capital is to be \$25,000. Up to night \$18,000 has been pledged, \$14,000 of which is ready at demand. A board of directors were elected last night as follows: W. J. Grant, formerly of East St. Louis, Ill., and cousin to Gen. Grant; J. M. Stone, mayor-elect of Dallas; A. M. Cochran, postmaster of Dallas; J. M. Mann, J. S. Heathington, G. M. Danvers, J. S. Strong, F. T. Rowley, A. A. Johnson. All are citizens of Dallas except the last named. W. J. Grant is to be managing editor, and J. M. Stone, the only connected with the Cincinnati Times, is to be business manager. A new office throughout, including a power press, has been ordered from St. Louis. The paper is to be of the stalwart order and the state party organ. The first issue is to appear early in May.

AID FOR DAKOTA.

CHICAGO, April 16.—On the Board of Trade, to-day, the deprivations in Dakota which have been subjected to overflows of the Missouri river this spring were presented by several gentlemen who knew the situation. A committee was appointed to raise funds and provisions. A liberal response is certain. The grain merchants, at an informal meeting held in a corner of the room, unanimously agreed to recommend that McLaughlin of Milwaukee, manager of the pork corner, should send a thousand barrels of pork to the sufferers. It is not known that the recommendation will be complied with.

WIFE-BEATER SHOT.

DES MOINES, April 16.—The Indianapolis Advocate, of to-day, has the following particulars of L. H. Phillips, the reputed wife beater, who met his death at the hands of his neighbors, to whom his wife had fled for protection. The couple were married twelve years ago, and have five children. Their home was a scene of domestic trouble for some time. Two weeks ago Phillips became enraged at his wife for selling a dozen chickens without telling him, and swore he would kill her. The same day he left to go to Clarke county with his brother. The grain merchant returned and murdered her, Mrs. Phillips fled to the house of J. B. Anderson for protection. Anderson called the county trustees' attention to the matter, who advised her to swear her life against her husband. Two men named Frazier and

Earl remained over night at Anderson's house for the protection of Mrs. Phillips. When she was about to leave with several neighbors for the justice's office, Phillips returned to his home, and being told by the children that their mother was not at home, started in search for her to Williams' house, near by; going from there to Anderson's house. Eleven men were at Anderson's at the time. Several had just come in from hunting and had their guns with them. Phillips was seen to pass the window. All sprang up, and Mrs. Phillips said: "Don't let him kill me." Anderson pointed his gun at Phillips and said "Stay out," repeating the command twice. Two others seized their guns, and stood at the door. Phillips said: "Shoot, I'm a man; I'll kill the last one of you, man and woman." Phillips then grabbed Williams by the collar, who repeated the command to stay out. At the same time three guns cracked and Phillips said: "I've fallen," and fell dead. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Phillips came to his death by a shot-gun used by J. B. Anderson, A. J. Ror, and J. J. Frazier, principals, and A. H. Williams, B. Dougherty, David Powell, and Seley Smith, accessories. The parties were all arrested and waived examination.

COMSTOCK INDICTED.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Anthony Comstock, the well known New York prosecutor of lottery swindlers and dealers in obscene literature, was indicted by the New York grand jury, Wednesday, on the charge of assisting one Fanny D. Hoffman, and charged her with sending obscene letters to her neighbors. She was shown the letters, whereupon she sent for the police. Comstock then used violence in order to obtain possession of the letters.

CANAL OPENED.

KEOKUK, April 16.—The Des Moines rapid canal will be opened for business to-morrow. It was filled for the first time this season.

SEVERE STORM.

VINEYARD HAVEN, April 14.—The hardest north east gale experienced in two years passed over here last night, accompanied by rain and snow. Three vessels were lying at the wharf, broke fast and driven ashore.

FRENCH REVENUES.

PARIS, April 16.—Revenue returns for the first quarter of the present year show, under indirect taxes, an increase on corresponding months last year of \$4,200,000 francs.

WEATHER CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—For upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Fair weather, lower barometer, stationary or higher temperature and southerly winds.

A MYSTERIOUS DISEASE.

OTTAWA, April 16.—Advice has been received to-day from British Columbia stating that a strange and terrible disease has broken out among the Chinamen employed on the Canadian Pacific Railway works in that province. The case of a Chinese cook at a place known as Big Tunnel will serve to illustrate the phases of the strange malady. He sat down, apparently well, to eat his dinner. His feet began to swell, and the swelling extended up his legs and body, reaching the vital parts in about ten minutes, causing his abdomen and chest to expand to most unnatural proportions, and he tumbled down dead, all in less than fifteen minutes from the time the disease attacked his feet. In the way the man died, and the dying in dozens, and already more than 100 have thus been carried off. This condition of things is causing alarm among the whites. In some instances the former are reported to have died from the disease, and the ravages of the mysterious disease, and it would not be strange if the Chinese should become panic stricken. The provincial press is asking the Government for an investigation of the disease, which is spreading terror among the workmen.

GERMANY.

THE WAR ON THE JEWS.
BERLIN, April 16.—The anti Jewish spirit, said to Prince Bismarck on the 13th and being going about the Empire for signatures for six months past, and aims at imposing restrictions on the immigration of Jews into Germany, and excluding from certain walks of activity, altogether in fact, undoing much legislation of the past in their favor, but the object of the petition are hopeless, in view of the utterance of the Government that it does not intend to permit the existing laws affecting the Jews to be repealed or altered. Bismarck has also taken the form of the anti Jewish agitation is against his wishes. The Crown Prince Frederick William, if not the Emperor also, has still less sympathy with the movement.

FIREMAN SCALDED.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The alarm from box 455, at 11.15 o'clock this morning, was caused by fire in the two story and basement building, 507 West Kinzie street, occupied by Candler & Roeder as a sewing machine factory. The damage was only nominal, and the fire was soon struck out. The overheating of a hot air pipe was the cause. While going through the building Jacob Drauer, a fireman belonging to Engine Company 7, met with a horrible accident. He unconsciously stepped into a vat filled almost to the brim with boiling hot water. Fortunately for his life, he caught hold of the edges, and held on until he was pulled out. He suffered from scalding. His legs were badly boiled, and he was taken to his home in the Lake street police patrol wagon. He will probably recover.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE TRANSVAAL DEBATE.
LONDON, April 15.—Gladstone writes that the Government will not adopt any apologetic tone in the coming debate on the Transvaal question. It was, he says, a question of saving England from sheer blood guiltiness.

ABOUT TO RETURN.

Taken from the Peoria Transcript.
The time is again drawing near for the return of Mrs. Dr. Keck to her city. The news she is announced for April 19th. The great popularity which this able lady has attained in our community seems to be only the dawn of her success, as is indicated by the increasing number of endorsements and certificates, to which worthy additions are made every few days. We are glad that one who can do so much substantial good meets with so gratifying a reception from the people who see not simply abstract scientific theories, but rather a release from their sufferings and diseases, which Mrs. Keck seems happily to find.

Read the following letter:

SUBSTANTIAL ENDORSEMENT.
Editor Journal.
PEORIA, Ill., April 11, 1881.—In the interest of afflicted humanity, and in recommendation of the excellent treatment given by Mrs. Dr. Keck in this city, to patients with chronic affections, I would like to state in your paper the benefit received at

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